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Memorial Park

On May 30, 1885, the Civil War monument in Memorial Park was dedicated, and the Park was opened to the public. The inscription on the western side of the monument reads as follows:

" ERECTED 1885, UNDER THE AUSPICES OF SERG. WM. H. DAVIES POST NO. 187, G.A.R. AND BY THE CITIZENS OF CARBONDALE, PA. TO THE MEMORY OF ALL ITS CITIZENS WHO BECAME THE BRAVE DEFENDERS OF THE UNION DURING ITS PERIL OF 1861-1865." Given on the other three sides of this monument are the names of the soldiers from Carbondale who died during the Civil War, 1861-65, and in the period 1866-1884, from causes directly related to service in the Civil War.

Also given on this monument are the names of the officers and members of the William H. Davies Post. No. 187, G.A.R., in 1885. It is interesting to note that after the Civil War monument was erected, and before it was dedicated, that it was found necessary to lock the gates to Memorial Park to prevent the ground from being trampled down and hardened, prior to seeding, by the crowds of people seeking admission to the Park, and to protect the trees and shrubs growing in the Park.